

SAMPLE SLAB UPDATE

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR SAMPLE SLAB COLLECTORS.



Market Notes / Discoveries

Will we ever stop finding new sample slabs?

Certification services keep making more sample, show, club, and other slabs, so the answer is no. Even looking at holders from years ago, however, new types appear all the time. Some are minor, such as new serial numbers for NGC state quarter holders. Larger discoveries, however, happen every month and even completely new issuers appear multiple times per year. Although some sell high, other unlisted samples go for modest amounts. The ongoing sale by eBay seller rockkos recently included multiple unlisted ICG state quarters that earned \$6 - \$9 each.

One of the best things about slab collecting is that every committed collector will discover new types. For this reason, this issue's market notes focuses on new types sent by Sample Slab Update readers.



The [last issue](#) described several new holders from the January FUN show, such as the American Innovation dollars given to grading contest participants. Bob D provided the image above of a Silver Eagle also given at the grading contest. Three were issued to participants by random drawing.

About 130 examples of the holder at left were given to guests at a 2016 wedding of an NGC employee. The nautical coin (a 1963 Spain 50 centimos with an anchor on the obverse) reflected the wedding's location on a cruise ship.

Kellen Hoard sent too many new slabs to mention and has become the champion of sample finding. Examples include this ICG with the uncommon ice-blue label and FUN logo from the 2011 FUN show and a fresh NGC Silver Dollar Round Table giveaway.



Jay Chamberlain of FUN Topics received this silver Florida quarter NGC sample at the Venice Coin and Currency Club. NGC token and medal specialist Alex Masella gave 40 to members after his presentation at the club. Jay correctly predicted that the club members would choose to keep their slabs – none have gone on sale so far.

Collectors assembling sets of the PCGS Authentic wheat cents (PCGS-001-9-3) will be intrigued to learn that David Aichinger acquired the previously unknown date of 1916.





I have been active on Instagram in the last three months, meeting slab enthusiasts. User [uscoingallery](https://www.instagram.com/uscoingallery) found a previously unknown date of the popular solid-zero rattler.

It's not a sample, but look below at this Accugrade / ICCS collaboration provided by Burton Strauss. Accugrade founder Alan Hager (eBay ID collectibletrading) recently sold one for \$234 with a 1952 Canada 10 cents. Everything about this holder is unusual, from the combination of two grading services to the ICCS label substituted for the photo. Accugrade holders use a variety of names and addresses on the back labels and this "ACGBC CANADA" is a new one. Notice also the Canadian web address.





Here's a late addition that turned up as I was about to issue the newsletter. At a meeting of the Orange County Coin Club, a member showed me this unusual PCGS rattler. He said that a friend, who worked briefly at PCGS, gave it to him. He was not clear on when this happened. The slab holds a 1986-D cent and has a label with a large PCGS logo on the front and a blank

reverse. It appears to be a [generation 1.2](#) holder (1986 – 1989) because it has a green ribbed label instead of a white smooth label like the generation 1.0 and 1.1 holders issued for the first few days of PCGS. I bought the holder from the club member and plan to keep it. Does anyone know what this is?

New Sample Slab Issuer – Certified Collectibles Assurance Company (CCAC)

Sample Slab Update regular Troy Pulse provided this CCAC sample slab holding a 1944-S Philippines centavo. Based in Evansville, Indiana, CCAC is the forerunner of NAAC, a sample type described in the [February 2018 newsletter](#). CCAC's founder appears to have



closed CCAC at some point, or possibly changed the name to avoid confusion with the Citizen's Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) and Certified Acceptance Corporation (CAC). The web address on the CCAC holder no longer works, but the [NAAC site](#) is active and states that NAAC has certified 3,700+ items.

Sample Collectors Meeting at the Chicago ANA – August 2019

For the fourth year in a row, sample collectors will meet at the annual ANA World's Fair of Money. Nothing formal – only a few enthusiasts talking about their mutual interest.

Although this is my first trip to the convention center in Rosemont, many of us have been to ANA shows here before. What is your advice on a place we can meet after the bourse closes on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday evening? Maybe there is a seating area in the convention center lobby or a nearby hotel? Let me know at davidschwager@hotmail.com

Also, if you are not already a PCGS Set Registry member, [sign up now](#) for free and start a set with at least one PCGS coin. This will put you on the mailing list for the PCGS luncheon held at the ANA, usually on Friday.

Sample Slabs in Coin World

Coin World devoted its April 2019 cover story to slab collecting. “Buy the Holder, Not the Coin” by Jeff Starck discussed rare holders, obsolete certifiers, error slabs, slab-like coin holders, and sample slabs. The sample slabs section mentioned the [Sample Slabs](#) book and this newsletter.

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Buying and Selling

Buying

I always buy sample collections or better single slabs for inventory. For my own collection, I look for samples from obscure or unlisted grading services (such as CCCS, Global, or International), gold coin samples, and rarities from all services. davidschwager@hotmail.com

I will pay:

\$200 for a copy of Conder101's 2003 slab book, Third Party Grading / Certification Services & Slab / Certificate Varieties.

\$275 for the PCGS "CU Forum Lunch Crew" holder with a New York quarter.

Full catalog prices for PCGS Japan 100 yen, PMG Austria 1000 kroner (or other currency samples with oversize notes), and PCGS Canada 10 cent and 25 cent.

Selling

Free shipping on all orders. To order, email me at davidschwager@hotmail.com, or call or text (714) 658-9516 to verify the holders remain available. I can then send a PayPal invoice, or you can receive a 10% discount for any other payment method (check, Venmo, Facebook Messenger, or nearly any option you have in mind).



1. ICG-001-1-4. 2000-D Memorial cent. The common Intercept Shield style. Unlike most, the coin is bright without significant spotting. \$5
2. ICG-Unlisted. 2000-D Massachusetts quarter. "Courtesy – John Ruiz Collectibles." Only one sale of this type on eBay in six years. \$8
4. NGC-005-4-1. 1907 Liberty nickel. 199998-015. \$30
5. NGC-010-2-9. 1962 proof Roosevelt dime graded PF 65 NGC. 204782-019. Green label sample with an Oak Tree sticker. \$29
6. NGC-025-4-15. 2003-P Missouri quarter. 1950455-064. "YN TREASURE TRIVIA" \$8
7. NGC-Unlisted. 2014-S business strike Everglades quarter. 2050955-023. One of 25 made for the Numismaniacs Coin Club at Dana Hills High School in Dana Point, CA. A desirable new YN slab. \$32
8. NGC-050-4-4. 1964 Kennedy half. 209485-028. \$21
9. PCGS-001-5-4. 2013-D Shield cent. 517517.00/1234567890. \$6
10. PCGS-001-9-3. 1923 Wheat cent graded Authentic. A better date. \$13
11. PCGS-Unlisted. 2005-D Jefferson Bison nickel. 4159.00/800-447-8848. Like PCGS-005-4-6 but with a bar code on the front. \$10



12. PCGS-025-4-24. 2002-P Louisiana quarter. 14008/00.71041540. \$9

13. PCGS-025-9-15. 2010-P Grand Canyon quarter graded MS63. 546597.63/32964768. From the Long Beach Treasure Hunt YN set registry. 100 made, of which only seven are MS63. \$20

14. PCGS-100-9-10. 2009 Silver Eagle graded MS70. 404423.70/15229334. History in Your Hands label for the 2009 Obama inauguration. Most of these go for a few dollars over the value of the enclosed coin, but the MS70 is a scarce variety. I sold one on eBay for \$195. Yours for \$180

15. PCGS-Cc5-4-1. 1967 Canada 5 cents graded MS00. 34206.007852186

(no slash in the number). A scarce PCGS world coin sample. \$125

16. PCGS-Pc5-4-1. 1944-S Philippines 5 centavo graded MS00. 90232.00/7852102. An even scarcer PCGS world coin sample. \$140

17. ANACS photo certificate for an 1803 half dollar dated 1/25/84. Grade is N/A CLEANED. Creased, some dirt on both sides. \$5

Photos or more details of any items gladly provided on request.

Although the printed Sample Slabs book is sold out, buy the PDF download for \$12 at SampleSlabBook.com, or on eBay



Bonus - Giant PCGS Currency Slabs with Shipwreck Notes

See the next page for a big ol' slab. The Italian ocean liner Andrea Doria sunk off Nantucket in 1956. In 1981, divers recovered a Banco di Roma safe and the currency inside. The salvagers sandwiched some of the notes in large lucite holders. In 2008, PCGS Currency certified the notes, applying their seals and labels.

These are the largest slabs of which I know, weighing over three pounds. They measure 9" by 6" and all come in presentation boxes. Shipwreck coins exist from several well-known wrecks, but when did you last see shipwreck currency?



These come in four varieties: Italy 1000 lire (the most “common”), US \$1 silver certificates (the most popular), and Italy 50 lire and 100 lire (the scarce types). If you look on eBay or other online resources, you will see sales of the 1000 lira and \$1, but I can find no comparables for the 50 and 100 lire. They are the scarcest of the Andrea Doria relics. \$195 each or \$350 for both.

Because of the size and weight of these holders, add \$15 each for a medium Priority box. The 10% discount for methods other than PayPal still applies.

Italy 100 lire





Italy 50 lire



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